States and Union Territories are required to develop a dedicated mechanism for Public Grievance Redressal, which should be widely publicized and made easily accessible.

Board for madarsas

3334 SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is not pursuing formation of Board for Muslim madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what Government thinks in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The proposal in regard to establishing a Central Madrasa Board, through an Act of Parliament, for standardizing the education in modern subjects of Science, Maths, etc. which are non-theological, was proposed in a report of a National Conference organized by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). Since it is not a proposal initiated by the Government, any decision in this regard shall be taken only in the event of there being consensus among all stakeholders.

150th Anniversary of Shri Rabindranath Tagore

3335. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNESCO proposes to celebrate 150th anniversary of Shri Rabindranath Tagore at an international scale next year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the contribution Government proposes to make for this event?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At the initiative of UNESCO, and with the encouragement of UNESCO Member States, the UNESCO General Conference has decided that the 150th anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore will be commemorated at UNESCO and within India. In consultation with Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development and UNESCO an appropriate event will be held at UNESCO to commemorate this great event which had also been commemorated earlier in 1961.

Task force for proposed NCHER and evolving national testing scheme

3336. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has recently set up a task force for the proposed National Commission for Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and to evolve a national testing scheme for college admissions; and

(b) if so, by when the recommendations of this task force are likely to come out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government has constituted a Task Force to aid and advise the Central Government in the establishment of the proposed National Commission on Higher Education and Research (NCHER) and to evolve a National Testing Scheme. Its report is awaited.

Conducting of CAT

†3337. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYANA PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that owing to large scale brain drain the country is devoid of qualitative talent;

(b) whether it is a fact that the organizers of CAT examination, which is conducted for the entrance in management education in the country, have failed in organizing it successfully;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the details thereof;

(e) whether any arrangement has been made to train rural candidates before they appear in this online exam; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of engineers, technocrats and other talented persons across the national boundaries for study and employment is not only inevitable but in many cases could give positive benefits to the country.

(b) to (d) There were a few technical glitches in the conduct of CAT 2009. However, most of the candidates who got affected by the disruptions have been rescheduled and all candidates are being given the opportunity to take the test.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Professors and lecturers for new IITs

3338. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has focused on the difficulty in finding top level professors and lecturers in the newly created IITs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.